

Monday, July 27, 2020

Trustees in Attendance: Ken Barthelette, Janis Hagen, Loretta Hermann, Christa Mitchell, and Maurine Myers.

Trustee(s) Absent: None.

Also present: Charli Barnes; DeeDee Brashers; Geri Godber; Tom Hembree; Nicholas Holladay; Jon Mendelke; Joe Morgan; Tory Pegram; Dana Roberts; Don Watson; Devon Gengler (from SAPP Design Architects - until 7:03 p.m.); and Harry Styron (Styron & Shilling).

The Christian County Library Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly session via Zoom on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was open to the public through a publicly posted web link. President Barthelette presided.

Any reports, exhibits, or supporting materials presented during the open portions of this meeting and referred to in these minutes may be obtained [upon request](#).

Start Time: 6:03 p.m.

Minutes of the Monday, June 22, 2020 Meeting

Christa Mitchell moved that the minutes of the Monday, June 22, 2020, meeting be approved. Loretta Hermann seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

Minutes of the Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Meeting

Loretta Hermann moved that the minutes of the Tuesday, July 14, 2020, meeting be approved. Christa Mitchell seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

Bills

Loretta Hermann moved that the adjusted bills from June 2020 be approved. Maurine Myers seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

Loretta Hermann moved that the estimated bills for July 2020 be approved. Christa Mitchell seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

Report of the Executive Director

Janis Hagen moved that the Director's Report be approved with minor edits. Loretta Hermann seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

Construction Budget Update

Executive Director Godber presented the most recent construction budget update.

Development Minute

Director of Development & Strategic Partnerships Pegram presented the July Development Report.

Old Business

Update on Sparta Situation

CCL's Attorney Harry Styron informed the Library Board of Trustees that the main outstanding issue in the lawsuit still unresolved at the present time is that of damages. The City of Sparta has yet to file a response, but is expected to soon. He will update the group as soon as he knows more. Finally, he will begin to prepare his invoice for any additional legal services that fall outside of the scope of what is included in his monthly contract, namely the cost for preparing, filing, and arguing the lawsuit, and submit it to the Library soon. His participation in Board of Trustees meetings and much of his consultation along the way is already included in his monthly retainer.

Update to Change Order Request 03

Loretta Hermann moved to approve the updated Change Order Request Number 03 from CSG for \$19,458 to pay for the additional costs incurred by delays caused by the interruption of construction in Sparta. Christa Mitchell seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

Reconsideration of Possible Mandatory Mask Policy In Light of the Most Recent Public Health Information and the Decisions of Local and Regional Businesses, Schools, and Governmental Bodies

After discussing the patchwork of different mask mandates so far adopted or not adopted by Springfield, Nixa, Ozark, and Nixa schools, the Board of Trustees decided not to impose any mandatory masking requirement, but instead to continue "strongly recommending" masking as they do now. Director of Communications and Community Engagement Holladay explained that, starting August 5th, the Library will offer a "Vulnerable Patron Hour" on Wednesdays from 10:00 -11:00 a.m. where masking will be required as an accommodation for at risk community members and as a barometer of how patrons might react to such a policy. If any one city government in Christian County adopts an ordinance, the Board renewed their authorization for the Library to apply whatever that mandate requires to the entire District without prior approval.

New Business

Lease Agreement for Clever

Janis Hagen moved to give Executive Director Godber the authority to start negotiating an agreement with MGM in Clever to terminate that lease pending completion of the new facility. Christa Mitchell seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

Policy Updates:

Procurement Policy

Loretta Hermann moved to adopt the *Procurement Policy* as presented. Christa Mitchell seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

COVID or Pandemic Policy

Christa Mitchell moved to table the *COVID or Pandemic Policy*. Janis Hagen seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

Other New Business

Non-Unanimous Votes, Conflicts of Interest, and Abstentions

Christa Mitchell voiced strong support for the staff and leadership of the Library and trust in their recommendations and expertise in what may be best for the Library, but wanted to speak to patrons in the community who believe they should not be forced to wear masks or get vaccinations and let them know they had a voice on the Board, because she personally feels the same way.

She wondered if she needed to abstain from votes on the matter since she disagrees with the other Trustees, and Mr. Styron explained that abstaining from a vote is only required if there is a personal or financial conflict of interest, not if she simply holds a different opinion from the majority. Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships Pegram explained that she should always vote for what she believes is best for the Library, regardless of her own beliefs on the matter, but reinforced Mr. Styron's comments that not every vote needs to be unanimous. Trustees who do not agree with whatever a motion proposes, should simply vote, "no," no matter what the rest of the group chooses to do.

Adjournment

Christa Mitchell moved to adjourn. Janis Hagen seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Hagen: Aye; Trustee Hermann: Aye; Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Myers: Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.